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INTRODUCTION

The papers of Mary Barry Martin Freeman, wife of Dr. John Shaw Freeman of Springfield, Robertson County, Tennessee, and genealogist and club woman, were given to the Tennessee State Library and Archives by Mrs. Eugene Beck, Springfield, Tennessee, daughter of Mrs. Freeman.

The collection occupies 11.00 cubic feet of shelf space and numbers approximately 6,026 items and 20 volumes. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Freeman Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers of Mary Barry (Martin) Freeman consist of Freeman family papers; clippings of a historical or topical interest mostly about Robertson County, Tennessee; genealogical data gathered by Mrs. Freeman in the course of her career as a genealogist; and records, data, and clippings concerning the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Tennessee, Robertson County Division, Springfield unit No. 48; Daughters of the American Revolution, Tennessee, Charlotte Reeves Robertson Chapter, Springfield; the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Tennessee, Springfield Chapter 1741; Children of the Confederacy, Springfield Chapter 1741; and National Society of the United States Daughters of 1812, Tennessee, Colonel Thomas Hart Benton Chapter, Nashville.

Freeman family papers include some land records; licenses and honoraria granted Dr. John Shaw Freeman; receipts and statements; clippings; a few letters from members of the Martin family; genealogical data; and writings of Mrs. Freeman, 1947-ca. 1960.

Many of the newspaper and magazine clippings concern Robertson County history, historic houses, personalities, the Civil War, the Civil War Centennial in Tennessee, national or historic figures and civil rights.

Records of organizations are listed in detail in the container list and include correspondence; minutes; constitution and by-laws; treasurers' reports; yearbooks; membership lists; pamphlets; magazines or newspapers issued by the organizations; membership applications; writings of members; and clippings about meetings or persons prominent in each organization (earliest 1927; latest 1962).

There is genealogical data including some newspaper obituaries; copies of wills; and land records for 129 families principally from Robertson County or with Robertson County connections. Included is material on the Allen, Bartlett, Bracey, Cannon, Darden, Donnell, England, Farmer, Gholson, Hayward, Isenberry, Jefferson, Jones, Keller, Link, Matthews, McFerrin, Norris, Pryor, Qualls, Reed, Ruffin, Savage, Shanklin, Smithwick, Tillman, Walton, and Yates families. A complete listing of the families appears in the Container List.

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1

Freeman Family Papers

1. Freeman, Carney--Clippings and photographs, 1952
2. Freeman, Lynn B.--Clippings, 1954 and n.d.
3. Freeman, John S.--Licenses, honors, etc.
4. Freeman, John S., and Mary B. Freeman--Bills, notes, and receipts
5. Freeman, Mary B.--Correspondence--Acklen - Bullock
6. Freeman, Mary B.--Correspondence--Calloway - Duke
7. Freeman, Mary B.--Correspondence--Eckhart - Hunter
8. Freeman, Mary B.--Correspondence--Institute - Lyons
9. Freeman, Mary B.--Correspondence--Malone - Preuit
10. Freeman, Mary B.--Correspondence--Radford - Swann
11. Freeman, Mary B.--Correspondence--Taylor - Young
12. Freeman, Mary B.--Memorabilia
13. Freeman, Mary B.--Photograph in newspaper, n.d.
14. Freeman family--Martin, Mr. and Mrs. P. G., 1847-1904; and n.d.
15. Freeman family--Genealogical data

Box 2

Mary B. Freeman--Writings, notes, speeches, etc.

1. (a) Alcohol; (b) The Lincoln We Love
2. American Indians
3. Baptist-Presbyterian Churches
4. History--general
5. Military Units--30th Tennessee Infantry, C. S. A., Powder mill guards, Civil War units from Robertson County, Tennessee
6. Places
7. Pioneers
8. Roads and Trails
9. Wildlife
10. Miscellaneous

Box 3

American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Tennessee, Robertson County division, Springfield Unit Number 48

1. Application for membership, 1933-1942
2. Bills, notes, and receipts, 1934-1945
3. Certificate of Appreciation from the President of the United States [World War II, 1941-1945]
4. Citation, National, 1937-1956
5. Clippings--American Legion, 1956-1960
6. Clippings--Magazine, n.d.

CONTAINER LIST, continued:

Box 3, continued:

7. Clippings--Senators, Armed forces Day, and Shriners, 1961
8. Constitution and by-laws, for all units, revised 1953 (pamphlet)
9. Correspondence--A - T, 1934-1961
10. Delegate certificate, 1939
11. Unit handbook, revised edition, 1941
12. Legislative bulletin, National, May 20, 1955-February 21, 1962 (series incomplete)
13. Legislative Bulletin, Tennessee, 1934-1962 (series incomplete)
14. Magazine--*National News*, 1955-1956
15. Magazine--*National News*, 1956-1958
16. Magazine--*National News*, 1959

Box 4

American Legion auxiliary, Department of Tennessee, Robertson county Division, Springfield Unit Number 48

1. Magazine--*National News*, 1960
2. Magazine--*National News*, 1961
3. Magazine--*National News*, 1962
4. Magazines and pamphlets
5. Minutes of Unit 48, 1933-1946
6. Record of paid national dues, 1933-1936; n.d.
7. Springfield Unit--Membership lists, 1933-1935, 1938; officer lists, 1934-1956
8. War casualties--Robertson County, World War I, Army (typescript); World War II, Navy (typescript);
World War II, Army (typescript)
9. Yearbooks--1939-1961, intermittently

Box 5

Clippings

1. American Legion
2. Beck, Eugene
3. Bell Witch
4. Butin and McCuddy
5. Boy's State
6. Capitol, The
7. Charities
8. Children of the Confederacy
9. Christmas
10. Civil rights
11. Civil War
12. Civil War Centennial
13. County date--Robertson County and Springfield

CONTAINER LIST, continued:

Box 5, continued:

14. Court Cases, Robertson County
15. Daughters of the American Confederacy
16. Daughters of the American Revolution
17. Davis, Sam
18. Dionne quintuplets

Box 6

Clippings

1. "Door to Heaven"
2. Faulkner, William
3. Fort Donelson
4. Girls State
5. Gracey, Robert C.
6. Historic houses
7. Hospital
8. Jonesboro
9. Kennedy, John
10. Kennedy, Robert

Box 7

Clippings

1. Linclon
2. Liquor
3. Maps; garden tours; printed map, reproduction, 1760, of Tennessee; Civil War battlefields map
4. Maxwell House
5. Medical
6. Meredith, James
7. Memorial Day
8. Nashville--founding
9. Natchez Trace
10. Negroes
11. New Year--1961
12. Obituaries
13. Parks
14. Poems
15. Political
16. Queen Elizabeth

CONTAINER LIST, continued:

Box 8

Clippings

1. Religious
2. School
3. Space flight program
4. Tennessee governors
5. Tennessee State Library and Archives
6. United Daughters of the Confederacy
7. United Daughters of 1812
8. Veterans Administration
9. World War II

Box 9

Daughters of the American Revolution

Charlotte Reeves Robertson Chapter, Springfield

1. Ancestral chart--By-laws; pledge card
2. Chapter reports
3. Charter membership list, 1932-1933
4. Clippings
5. Correspondence
6. Flag Day
7. Headstones
8. History projects
9. Location of historic sites
10. Manual and handbook
11. Membership applications
12. Membership applications for Children of the Confederacy
13. Memorials

Box 10

Daughters of the American Revolution

Charlotte Reeves Robertson chapter, Springfield

1. Minutes--1927-1936
2. Minutes--1938-1955
3. Publications
4. Soldiers of the Revolution that settled in Robertson County
5. Yearbooks--1932, 1933, *National Society of the Daughters of 1812*
6. National newsletter--1932, 1933; Col. Thomas Hart Benton Chapter Yearbook--1938-1939; membership application, Mary B. Freeman

CONTAINER LIST, continued:

Box 11

Genealogical Data

1. Allen family
2. Atkins family
3. Baren family
4. Bartlett family
5. Bellamy family
6. Benson family
7. Benton family
8. Brinkley family
9. Black family
10. Bracey family
11. Brooke family
12. Bryan family
13. Cannon family
14. Chapman family
15. Cheatham and True families
16. Childress family
17. Clinard family
18. Colgin family
19. Connell family
- 19a. Cooke family
20. Crabtree family
21. Crawford family

Box 12

Genealogical Data

1. Crocket family
2. Darden family
3. Dark family
4. DeLoach family
5. Dew family
6. Donnell (or Donald) family
7. Duncan family
8. Durden family
9. England family
10. Eubanks family
11. Farmer family
12. Finley family
13. French family
14. Frey family

CONTAINER LIST, continued:

Box 12, continued:

15. Fort family
16. Gholson family
17. Green family
18. Grizard family

Box 13

Genealogical Data

1. Hayward family
2. Henry family
3. Hicks family
4. Holland family
5. Holman family
6. Huddleston family
7. Hunt family
8. Isenberry family
9. Jefferson family
10. Johnson family
11. Johnston family
12. Jones family
13. Karr (Carr) family
14. Kellar family
15. King family

Box 14

Genealogical Data

1. Lawrence family
2. Link family
3. Long family
4. Lucas family
5. Luter family
6. Martin family
7. Mason family
8. Matthews and Doss families
9. McDonald family
10. McFerrin family
11. Miles family
12. Miller and Cobb family
13. Mitchell family
14. Moore family
15. Moss family

CONTAINER LIST, continued:

Box 15

Genealogical Data

1. Northington family
2. Norris family
3. Owens (Owings) family
4. Palk family
5. Patterson family
6. Payne family
7. Peck family
8. Peters family
9. Phillips family
10. Pike family
11. Pitt family
12. Poor family
13. Pope family
14. Price family
15. Pryor family

Box 16

Genealogical Data

1. Qualls family
2. Ragsdale family
3. Randolph and Covington families
4. Reed and Sanders families
5. Rice family
6. Robertson family
7. Rose family
8. Rosson family
9. Ruffin family
10. Ryan and Matthews families

Box 17

Genealogical Data

1. Sanders family
2. Savage family
3. Seyport family
4. Shaw family
5. Shanklin family
6. Shivers family
7. Simmons family
8. Smith family

CONTAINER LIST, continued:

Box 17, continued:

9. Smithwick family
10. Stanley family
11. Stark and Rose families
12. Strather family
13. Thomas family
14. Tillman family
15. True family (see also Cheatham)

Box 18

Genealogical Data

1. Walker family
2. Walton family
3. Warren family
4. Watson family
5. Wells family
6. White family
7. Williams family
8. Willis and Plummer families
9. Wingfield family
10. Winn family
11. Woodard family
12. Yates family
13. Young family
14. Miscellaneous

Box 19

United Daughters of the Confederacy, Springfield, Tennessee, Chapter Number 1741

1. Civil War--Civil War Centennial Commission papers
2. Civil War--Clippings
3. Civil War--Data
4. Civil War--Pamphlets
5. Civil War--Poems

Box 20

United Daughters of the Confederacy, Springfield, Tennessee, Chapter Number 1741

1. Clippings--Announcements
2. Clippings--re: churches and pioneer preachers
3. Clippings--Children of the confederacy

CONTAINER LIST, continued:

Box 20, continued:

4. Clippings--Civil War Centennial
5. Clippings--General
6. Clippings--Historical houses
7. Clippings--Holidays
8. Clippings--Medicine
9. Clippings--Obituaries
10. Clippings--People--Davis, Jefferson
11. Clippings--People--Donelson, Col John
12. Clippings--People--General
13. Clippings--People--Harris, Isham G.
14. Clippings--People--Houston, Sam
15. Clippings--People--Lincoln, Abraham
16. Clippings--People--Meriwether, Elizabeth Avery
17. Clippings--People--Morgan, John Hunt
18. Clippings--People--Presidents
19. Clippings--Tennessee Centennial

Box 21

United Daughters of the Confederacy

1. Clippings--Tennessee history
2. Clippings--U.D.C. meetings
3. Correspondence--Adams-Campbell
4. Correspondence--Conley-Witsell
5. Davis, Sam
6. Historical houses
7. Map of Confederate battles
8. Medicine in the Confederacy
9. Miscellaneous
10. Programs
11. Springfield Chapter
12. Writings--General
13. Writings--Lee's Farewell Address

Box 22

1. Biographical sketch--Semmes, Raphael
2. Certificate--Tennessee Civil War Centennial Commission
3. Correspondence
4. Printed materials--"Book of Battles" (Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Lookout Mountain, and Missionary Ridge)
5. Printed materials--Bruce Barton and "New Theology"

CONTAINER LIST, continued:

Box 22, continued:

6. Printed materials--Child Conservation League of America
7. Printed materials--Christian Science
8. United Daughters of the Confederacy, Gen. William H. Jackson Chapter--Yearbook, 1929-1931
9. United Daughters of the Confederacy, Springfield Chapter #1741--Yearbooks, 1951-1956
10. United Daughters of the Confederacy, Tennessee Division--Historical Department pamphlet, 1926
11. United Daughters of the Confederacy, Tennessee Division--State Convention minutes, 1927
12. United Daughters of the Confederacy, Tennessee Division--State Convention minutes, 1930
13. United Daughters of the Confederacy, Tennessee Division--State Convention minutes, 1957
14. United Daughters of the Confederacy, Tennessee Division--State Convention minutes, 1958
15. United Daughters of the Confederacy, Tennessee Division--State Convention programs, 1930, 1937
16. Writings--Confederate memorials